

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhito IMAI et al.

Art Unit:

Application No.: to be assigned

Examiner:

Filed: December 10, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12014-0023

For: HOT PRESS FORMING METHOD, AND A PLATED STEEL MATERIAL  
THEREFOR AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 10, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as set forth below.

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**Remarks are submitted on page 6.**